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Dear Ms. Hesse:

I am in agreement with the proposed settlement between the United States federal government and the Microsoft Corporation. I would like to encourage you to approve this settlement agreement and resist further efforts to continue this dispute.

This proposed settlement agreement is the correct step in promoting continued economic growth in a competitive marketplace and would greatly benefit the consumers in Virginia as well as other states. Microsoft is a proven leader in the technology field and has produced many superior products.

This settlement is a fair and reasonable compromise. The dispute between Microsoft and the federal government needs to be concluded as quickly as possible and come to an end with an amicable decision.

We need to encourage economic growth and stability, and this settlement is a valuable tool in achieving this. I would encourage the Court to approve the proposed settlement between Microsoft and the United States federal government. I appreciate the time taken to consider my views on this issue.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Tom Bolvin".

Delegate Tom Bolvin